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Friend --

Due to a recent injury incident, as well as numerous previous near misses and other collisions, my office is working with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to initiate a number of changes to support the enforcement of reckless riding (LAMC 56.16) on the Los Angeles River Path.

It is essential that all users of the path understand that per California law *both bicyclists and pedestrians have a legal right to utilize the path*, and should do so with an abundance of care and respect for others. Cyclists should refrain from excessive speed, particularly when pedestrians, children, and slower cyclists are present. Pedestrians, as slower users of the path, should walk to the right as slow moving vehicles are required to do on roadways. No one, cyclist or pedestrian, is allowed, per the California Vehicle Code (CVC), to loiter on the path. For your information, I am attaching a list of Frequently Asked Questions on the laws that govern use of bicycle paths in the State of California and the City of Los Angeles.

In the coming months, a number of enhancements will be made near the entryways of the path in Elysian Valley to notify cyclists of areas with a higher concentration of pedestrians, and where they must slow down or dismount to avoid conflicts. The LAPD will ramp up enforcement in these problem areas along the path.

If you are a competitive cyclist in training, the Elysian Valley shared path is not for you. Cyclists traveling at high rates of speed make the pathway dangerous for all users. Instead, I suggest other options such as the Rose Bowl training ride, various criterium training loops, or the Encino or Carson Velodromes.

Again, please remember the path is a resource for **ALL ANGELENOS** and efforts will be made to enforce the rules of the road, whether you're a pedestrian or a cyclist.

Warm regards,

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Mitch O'Farrell

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